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1. As [] ship was entering the harbor of Arkhangelsk [] it passed six or eight minesweepers on the way out in the area of Dvina Lightship. These vessels were sailing in line formation at a speed of eight to ten knots. [] 25X1
2. Later [] some similar vessels sailing up and down the Dvina River. Some of the vessels were towing an object astern at a distance of thirty to forty meters. The object, which just broke the surface of the water, was about twenty to thirty centimeters in diameter and seemed to rotate on a vertical axis. [] 25X1
3. Dvina Lightship was not in position when [] ship was entering Arkhangelsk and the pilot, who came out in a motorboat, said that it had gone into port to refuel. [] the lightship farther upriver, and it was in position when his ship left port. [] 25X1
4. [] ship loaded at Sawmill No. 16-17. The ship was at loading place No. 49, which was the northernmost berth on the quay. [] 25X1
5. In a shipyard on the Dvina River, [] five or six unusual vessels in slips. Each ship was flat-bottomed, but about half of the length of the bottom was three feet deeper than the remainder. [] 25X1
6. On 3 August, a troop-transport ship sailed down river; it was a passenger vessel of about 8,000 DWT. [] 25X1
7. On 4 or 5 August, a large naval vessel sailed downriver. [] the vessel to be 350 to 400 feet long but he could not give any other information concerning it. [] the flag the vessel was flying was not that of the USSR. [] 25X1
8. During the 1600 to 2000 watch on 7 August, a merchant ship was seen in Dvina Bay. The vessel, which looked new, was on a course toward Arkhangelsk and it was lightly loaded or had no cargo. [] the size of [] 25X1

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the vessel to be between 8,000 and 10,000 DWT; it was similar to a Liberty ship, and it had good loading equipment. It was traveling at about fifteen knots.

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